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SUBJ: ALLEGATIONS OF U.S. AID CONTRIBUTION TO A J.P.
ORGANIZATION

REF: NEW DELHI 3724

1. CHARGE ON MARCH 12 PROVIDED TFJA WITH DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING AID GRANTS TO AVARD AND SAID THER WAS CLEARLY NO BASIS FOR ANY IMPLICATION OF ANY IMPROPRIETY IN THIS GRANT. HE ALSO ASKED FOR OFFICIAL TEXT OF PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE.

2. TEJA REPLIED THAT HOME MINISTER REDDY HAD NOT SAID ANYTHING ABOUT ANY IMPROPRIETY. THE ISSURE WAS WHETHER THE FUNDS HAD BEEN USED FOR THE PORPOSES FOR WHICH THEY WERE PROVIDED. A FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF THIS IS IN
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3. THE CHARGE SAID THE PROBLEM WAS CAUSED BY THE MANNER BY WHICH THE QUESTION HAD BEEN ASKED AND THE STORY REPORTED WHICH IMPLIED THAT THE U.S. WAS SUSPECTED OF FUNDING A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. THIS WAS CLEARLY NOT SO AND WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THE GOI WOULD FIND AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO STATE THAT THE U.S. GRANT WAS PROPERLY MADE WITH GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL. THE CHARGE NOTED THAT THE FINAL DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TOOK PLACE IN 1968 WHEN J.P. NARAYAN WAS ENTIRELY A NON-POLITICAL FIGURE AND IT WAS HARD TO SEE HOW THAT MONEY COULD REMAIN FOR IMPROPER USE IN RECENT MONTHS. TEJA REPEATED THAT NO QUESTION OF U.S. IMPROPRIETY HAD BEEN RAISED AND THAT HE WOULD TAKE UP WITH HIS SUPERIORS THE POSSIBILITY OF A GOI STATEMENT INDICATING THIS.

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